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Judge allows former owner to publish papers

This week, The Belleville Enterprise, The Canton Eagle, The Inkster Ledger Star, the Romulus Roman, The Wayne Eagle and The Westland Eagle have been published under the direction of former owner David J. Willett and his family.

Willett sold the award-winning Associated Newspapers group of publications in 1994 after 18 years of family ownership.

Since that sale, the newspapers had been under the control and direction of R. Michael Wilcox, whose company, Michigan Community Newspapers (MCN), filed for bankruptcy in January. This edition of the papers was prepared following approval from Federal Judge David Stosberg allowing Willett to publish emergency editions of the newspapers.

Wilcox attempted to surrender the corporate names to Willett late last month without notification to or required approval of the federal court. Any such surrender or action must be authorized by the federal judge overseeing the business actions of Wilcox during his voluntary

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David J. Willett

bankruptcy filing. Concurrent with this attempt to surrender the properties, MCN staff members transferred their business operations to an office located in Plymouth. For the past two weeks, the former MCN staff members published a newspaper in Wayne, Westland and Canton.

“It is difficult not to comment on Mr. Wilcox’ egregious and arbitrary actions—or his actions during his stewardship of these publications—but we intend to concentrate on producing the best local newspaper we know how.

Our goal is to return these publications to the level of excellence they enjoyed at the time of our sale to Mr. Wilcox, should Judge Stosberg return them to us,” Willett said.

Waiting for the necessary court approval made the preparation time to publish the abandoned newspapers very short, Willett said.

“Obviously, this action was unexpected and we had to publish on very short notice to protect the names and history of these newspapers,” Willett added. The newspapers for the past two weeks were published with only legal notices and minimal editorial content in an effort to protect the legal contracts and the status of the publications.

Several advertisers have complained to the Willetts that they paid Wilcox and MCN for advertising in advance and will now not receive the service for which they have paid. Several subscribers claim to have paid in advance

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Football mothers know best

Each Thursday evening after practice, Romulus football mothers prepare a deluxe pasta special dinner for the Romulus Varsity team. They also mix in inspirational speakers to help the team get ready for Friday evening games. For example, the Rev. Rita Talley read a story on overcoming adversity by Walter Payton before a recent 14-7 victory over Dearborn High. Enjoying the event are, Erick Hemmingway, left, Leo Williams. In the second row, from the left are Rita Talley, Celeste Roscoe, Irene Sandusky, Ellen Bragg, Aileen Mosby and Sherry Jackson.

From the editor:

There’s an old saying that reminds us that we never get a second chance to make a first impression.

Well, we hope we’ll get that chance.

For most of this year, the ownership of this newspaper has been in dispute. The issue has crept toward a resolution during the early part of the year, and picked up some speed two weeks ago, when the former publisher of these newspapers apparently abandoned them and some of the communities they serve.

Since that time, we’ve endeavored at least to keep the names and the vital tradition and history of these papers, which include the Canton, Wayne and Westland Eagles, the Belleville Enterprise, the Romulus Roman and the Inkster Ledger-Star, alive. We’ve been hampered by what we could do legally, and in the end we could do little more than continue to print legal notices, with a few short stories under an old masthead.

We know we have a lot of work to do to return these papers to their former glory, to make them once again a vital part of a vibrant community, but we are determined to do just that. It’s a daunting challenge, and when we learned that we were forced to take it on under a short timeline, with a limited staff, well, we were a little taken aback.

Then we accepted the challenge, embraced it and moved on.

That’s what the newspaper you’re currently holding in your hands will do. It will move on. We used the short time table this week to call up some reserves, so to speak, and get reporters up to speed with the people that shape the news in your community, and to tell you a little bit about ourselves.

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Wayne Westland schools praised for strong fiscal management

Scott Spielman
Editor

Auditors and school board members praised the administration of the Wayne Westland School District Monday night for gains they have made in both financial responsibility and educational efforts.

The district, which includes the cities of Wayne and Westland and a portion of southern Canton Township, received one of the highest marks possible for their financial reporting and accounting practices, according to Jeff Higgins of Plante Moran, Inc. the independent auditing firm used by the school district.

“Less than 1 percent of the school districts in Michigan received this award,” he said. “It’s very prestigious.”

Higgins, along with Gary Martin, assistant superintendent for business for the district, gave the Wayne-Westland School board an overview of their financial and educational standing.

“It’s been a very fine year,” Martin said.

The school district managed a rare feat this past year,

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Gary Martin

he said. They’ve managed to bolster their undesignated fund reserves by more than \$4 million in a time when many school districts throughout the state are facing shrinking budgets and budget cuts.

In Wayne-Westland, however, the revenue topped the school district expenditures by about \$4.2 million, which gives the district a fund reserve of about \$21.7 million, of which \$18.5 million is undesignated, according to Martin.

“We’re on pretty solid ground in terms of where we stand, both in the short term and in the long term,” Martin said.

He said a lot of factors contributed to the surplus. The

first is that the district went through a period of substantial turnovers, as many teachers with seniority retired, and were replaced with less experienced – and less expensive educators. That resulted in a savings of about \$689,000, according to Martin. It also meant that the district saved money on health benefits and retirement costs, as well.

“When salaries go down, benefits go down, too,” he said.

The district also received more grant money than they expected, and worked out a better than hoped for deal on a land sale, too.

All of that points to a healthy bottom line, according to Higgins. He said the fund balance means the district could sustain itself for 62 calendar days, or 30 school days. The state average is about 51 days or 25 calendar days.

“Now you have the ability to deal with some uncertainties without having to cut programs,” Higgins said. “You have the ability to plan.”

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Mother and daughter self defense classes set

Heather Connor
Staff Writer

Northville Youth Assistance (NYA) will play host to a mother-daughter self-defense class from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. next Tuesday in the gymnasium of Silver Springs Elementary School.

Mary Ellen King, director of NYA, said the program will be conducted by self-defense instructors hired by Girls Empowered, a for-profit organization out of Berkley that helps young girls build self-esteem and self-confidence.

Girls Empowered is also currently conducting two after-school programs out of NYA, one for girls in fourth and fifth grades, and one for girls in sixth through eighth grades. The program is designed to help boost a girl's confidence, self-esteem and her ability to believe in herself through workshops on self-esteem, etiquette, nutrition, cardio-boxing and hip-hop dancing.

The self-defense class will teach girls and women how to be more assertive, King said.

"It teaches them how to be more confident with their bodies," King said.

Kimber Bishop-Yankee, director and founder of Girls Empowered, said one in five high school girls have experienced dating violence, according to research.

"I believe that every girl, middle school and high

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It's a good activity for moms to spend time with their daughter in a fun but serious way.

Mary Ellen King

school, at a minimum, should go through a self-defense course," Bishop-Yankee said.

Bishop-Yankee said both mothers and daughters need to learn self-defense, and the class will help start a dialogue between a mother and daughter about something that needs to be talked about.

"It's a good activity for moms to spend time with their daughter in a fun but serious way," Bishop-Yankee said.

King said the class participants will be taught to yell "fire" instead of "help" when they may be in trouble, as people tend to pay more attention to someone who yells "fire." The class will also be taught to say "no" with more assertion, King said.

King said 60 people are already enrolled for the class, but the program can accommodate as many as 200 participants.

Girls Empowered was brought to NYA by King, who attended the Novi Youth Forum, and said she was

intrigued by the presentation given by Bishop-Yankee. Girls Empowered is designed to help combat the drop in self-esteem that many young girls experience when they get to middle school, King said.

"I started Girls Empowered because I did not like the way I saw a lot of women feeling about their bodies, and not having a voice or self-esteem," said Bishop-Yankee. "I want to help girls before they become adults and avoid the baggage that most women carry with them."

Bishop-Yankee said Girls Empowered has helped more than 5,000 girls in the last three years.

Youth Assistance has been established in Northville for 16 years, and is located in Hillside Middle School. King said their main component is mentoring, but NYA also offers help with homework, free tutoring, and community service in lieu of suspension from school for Northville public school students.

"Our main mission is prevention of risky behavior," King said.

The mother-daughter self-defense class costs \$25 for two participants or \$15 for one. Girls must be at least 10 years old to participate. Participants can also request to be considered for a scholarship to attend the class.

For more information contact Northville Youth Assistance at 248-344-1618 or visit <http://ci.northville.mi.us/Services/YouthAssistance/GirlsEmpoweredProgram.htm>.

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NOTICE

CITY OF ROMULUS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

Pursuant to and by authority conferred upon me by the Secretary of State by Section 794C of Act No. 116 of the Public Act of 1954, as amended, notice is hereby given that a Public Accuracy Test shall be conducted by the Election Commission of the City of Romulus at 3: 00 p.m. Wednesday, October 3 0, 2002 in the City Clerk's Office, 11111 South Wayne Road, for the purpose of certifying the programs to be used in the counting devices which will be utilized to process Absentee Ballots in the November 5, 2002 General Election. Said Meeting is open to the public and any concerned citizen may attend.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

In compliance with State Election Law 168 Section 798, a Public Hearing will be conducted on Tuesday, October 29, 2002 at 9:00 a.m. in the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Belleville, MI, for the purpose of certifying the program to be used in the counting device which will be utilized to process voter ballots in the Tuesday, November 5, 2002 General Election. Said meeting is open to the public and any concerned citizen may attend.

The Charter Township of Van Buren will provide, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations with advance notice to the Clerk's Office, 734.699.8909.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk
Van Buren Charter Twp.

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CITY OF INKSTER

REGULAR & SPECIAL MEETING ABSTRACT

THE City Council met at 7:35 p.m. in the Council Chambers on Monday, September 16, 2002. Present: Councilpersons Harris-Foster, E. Hendricks, Kolberg, Coleman-Richardson, M. Hendricks and Mayor Hampton. Absent: Councilwoman James. Consent Calendar items approved: 9/3 Regular Council meeting and Pension Payroll, \$98,143.92. Public Request and Mayor and Council Concerns. APPROVED: \$10,666.25 to Milton Spokojny; appointed Kathryn Osborn to the Library Commission and re-appointed Norma McDaniel and Lawrence Chastang to the Planning Commission; \$15,311.43 to Wade Trim; \$29,220.00 to Fisher Roofing Company; designation of Councilman M. Hendricks as representative and Mayor Hampton as alternate at National League of Cities Annual Business Meeting; appointment of Jeffrey Bowdich as Attorney Magistrate of 22nd District Court; by-laws of Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and tenures; storm sewer maintenance agreement with Wayne County; \$20,000.00 to Capital Contracting for work on new subdivision and \$350.00 to Wade Trim for field survey; ORDINANCE 793 ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE FOR SALE OF CITY OF INKSTER UTILITY SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS; request from Bethlehem Temple to hold flea market and Hardy Robb to hold block party.

THE City Council met at 7:21 p.m., for a Special Meeting on Wednesday, September 25, 2002. Present: Councilpersons E. Hendricks, Kolberg, M. Hendricks and Mayor Hampton. Absent: Councilwoman Harris-Foster, James and Coleman-Richardson. The special meeting was held to adopt the Brownfield Plan for the Carver Homes Redevelopment Project and The Act relating to it. MEETINGS adjourned at 9:40 and 8:04 p.m., respectively. (Full text available upon request).

Mrs. Kimberly Turner
Inkster City Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF INKSTER, WAYNE COUNTY

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT, WAYNE COUNTY CDBG PROGRAM

2001-2002 PROGRAM AMENDED FINAL STATEMENT

In compliance with Federal guidelines, on July 31, 2002, the City of Inkster approved final projects and funding level amendments for Inkster's 2001-2002 Wayne County's CDBG Program funding as follows:

ACTIVITY	AMOUNT ALLOCATED	AMENDED AMOUNT
Homeownership Assistance	\$120,500	\$62,500 (\$58,000)
Single-unit Residential Housing Rehabilitation	\$100,000	\$50,000 (\$50,000)
TOTAL		(\$108,000)

\$108,000 reprogrammed to provide for acquisition (\$58,000) and (\$50,000) relocation activities in the Carver Homes Subdivision.

ACTIVITY	LOCATION	FUNDING
Homeownership Assistance	Irene on the west to Inkster Road on the east, Annapolis to the south, and Carlysle to the north	\$62,500
Single-unit Residential Housing Rehabilitation	City-wide	\$50,000
Acquisition	Carver Homes Subdivision-Irene on the east, Northland on the west, York on the south, and Carlysle on the north	\$58,000
Relocation	Same as above	\$50,000

The above activities will meet HUD objectives by benefiting low and moderate income families and preserving deteriorating housing stock.

Clarence Oden, Jr., Deputy Director
Community Development Department

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Schools

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He also pointed out that the district has turned around in relatively short order. In 1995, the district was more about \$2 million in the red.

The good financial news comes at a time when the district has just finished upgrading many of the schools, too, according to Superintendent Greg Baracy. A 1998 millage provided the funds for that, and the work was completed this year.

It also came at a time when the school has achieved significant advances in education notoriety. All 17 district elementary schools along with the four elementary schools have received accreditation, which means that all schools are now fully accredited. Hamilton and Roosevelt-McGrath elementary schools recently received the Golden Apple award for showing a vast improvement in school MEAP scores.

One of the best ways that the school district has shown improvements, however, is in the final product. Samuel Barresi, assistant superintendent for instruction for the district, said that 2002 graduates of John Glenn and Wayne Memorial high schools received \$3.3 million in higher educational scholarships.

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Skip Monit

The board members, understandably, were pleased with the news.

“I think we're fortunate to be in this position,” said School Board Treasurer Skip Monit.

Baracy said it has been one of his goals to get the district back on sound financial footing, and it's a goal that will continue.

“We have some challenges ahead, but because we've maintained a positive balance, we have the ability to sustain a year, or perhaps longer, of difficult times,” he said. “We're prepared, for the short term, to deal with that.”



Honored Students

Middle School Principal Melvin Kimbrough was pleased to honor the October Student of the Month award winners last month. Showing off their certificates of honor are, first row from left, Steve Hawes, Chiara Snook, Jackie VanMeer, Mariay Watt, Desirea Yates and Heather Bovol. In the second row from left are Jamal Sam, Reggie Pratt, Tranay Tanner, Janeice Johnson, Jackie Logan, Ashely Gondek and Elijah White. In the third row from left are Martinez Nelson, Dakota Watson, Tanisha Keaton, Tiffany McGhee, Mercedes Mattox and Lindsey Hines.

Anyone wishing to make an inquiry regarding the disposition or status of the Chapter 11 Bankruptcy proceedings of Michigan Community Newspapers including pre-paid but unpublished advertising, unpaid accounts, unfulfilled subscriptions, unpaid wages or other matters can do so by inquiring of:

U.S. Trustee
Office of the Bankruptcy Administration
211 West Fort St. Suite 700
Detroit, Michigan 48226
(313) 226-7999
Case No. 02-41330
Michigan Community Newspapers

Papers - Federal bankruptcy judge allows former owner to publish home town papers on interim basis

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for subscriptions, and these are funds which were paid to Mr. Wilcox' company. Additionally, there have been complaints from parents of carriers who delivered the papers who are owed money by MCN, Willett said.

“We did not receive the money for the subscriptions, advertising or the money paid for home delivery. To date, we have received only the names of the papers and permission to publish them from the judge. We are working with the court and our attorneys to solve these and many other problems,” Willett said.

Willett indicated that his present publishing company, Willow Media, the publishers of The Journal Newspapers circulated in Canton, Northville and Plymouth, would be hiring experienced salespeople and reporters during the next few weeks to return the papers to their former level of service, if approval came from the court. At present, the publications are exceptionally short-staffed, he noted.

Willett is a well-known name in community journalism. The newspapers were previously owned by his father, Wesley F. Willett, who operated the publications with his partners until 1968 when the paper were sold to the now-defunct Panax Corp. David Willett purchased his father's newspapers from Panax in 1974. His wife, Susan, served as both editor and publisher and under her direction the Associated group won the University of Michigan Excellence in Journalism Award six consecutive years and was honored numerous times by The Michigan Press Association for editorial excellence. The Michigan Press Association has also honored both David and Susan Willett individually for their writing and reporting efforts.

Susan Willett has assumed the duties of interim publisher of the Belleville, Inkster, Romulus, Wayne and Westland newspapers adding to her present responsibilities as publisher of The Journal.

Editorial direction of the newspapers will be the purview of Scott Spielman, a well respected, experienced journalist, who is presently the editor of The Journal.

“Scott is one of the most talented and professional journalists with whom I've ever worked,” commented Susan Willett. “My admiration for his level of skill, his dedication and the scope of his understanding of the real purpose of a community newspaper increases on a daily basis,” she said. “I am confident that the readers and the officials who will work with him will benefit from his talent, his experience, and his proven objectivity and clear thinking. He is a superb journalist and an even finer human being,” she said. “He takes the responsibility of a

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David J. Willett

community newspaper very seriously.”

Douglas Willett, a graduate of Central Michigan University with a degree in computer science, and a former EDS systems engineer, supervises the computer operations at the newspapers. He also acts as general manager of Eagle Graphics, the graphics company that produces both the newspapers and several other publications and Willett Communications, a software, hardware and Internet design group owned by his father.

David Willett said he hopes readers and advertisers will understand the time necessary to hire and train staff members to operate the newspapers. “Obviously, we did not expect Mr. Wilcox to simply abandon the papers—particularly in light of the federal laws governing his actions. This was dropped on us suddenly as the formation of a new company, Metro Community Newspapers, MCN, under his wife's name, operating in some of these same markets. We have already been contacted by several people who are confused by these nearly identical names,” Willett said. “The publications now based in Plymouth are not the newspapers Mr. Wilcox purchased from me.”

The Willetts each acknowledged that the transition would be difficult and that the return to full staffing and service would require some time, following the hoped for court approval of the return of the properties to them. “This edition is certainly not an example of our regard for these communities. This would be a difficult task under any circumstances but the confusion created by having two newspaper groups with nearly the same name in the same areas may add to this challenge,” said David Willett.

Willett said he hopes to serve both readers and businesses in the area if the papers are returned to his control on a permanent basis.

“We will provide an opportunity for businesses to let area residents know what they offer and where they are. These papers will be the ideal means for businesses to reach the audience they need in the communities we serve,” Willett said. “We'd obviously like to have the

papers back permanently, but that is a decision for the court,” he added.

“We want to make it very clear that these are The Belleville Enterprise, The Canton Eagle, The Inkster Ledger Star, The Romulus Roman, The Wayne Eagle and The Westland Eagle that people remember as some of the best newspapers in the state—but we also want readers to understand that this is not the publication they have been receiving for the past seven years and that it is not produced by the same staff or with the same purpose, noted Susan Willett.

“Our new format allows us to accommodate the Standard Advertising Units and yet keeps the small-town local spirit,” Willett said.

The newspapers will be housed in the building in which they were formerly published on Michigan Avenue in Wayne. Wilcox abandoned the building about a year ago and moved to a nearby location. The building is presently undergoing massive renovations and repairs following Wilcox' move, creating a further challenge during the interim publication approved by the court.

“We have salespeople sitting nearly on top of one another, reporters without phones and we can't seem to find the computer wires—other than that, we're doing just fine. That's if you don't count the smell of paint, the sound of hammering and sawing and the constant questions from workers about the building,” Susan Willett said. “We'll be fine. We're looking at this as an opportunity to demonstrate the level of our skill,” she concluded.

Editor - Improvements planned

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Each week, you will see an improvement in the quality of news stories, features and opinions that will relate to your community, whether you live in Belleville or Romulus, Inkster or Westland. As we get more familiar with these communities, you will too. It may be a long road, and there are bound to be more than a few bumps along the way, but with a little luck and a lot of hard work on our part, we'll all be better for it.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work our way through this unexpected challenge. If you have any concerns, thoughts or even story ideas, feel free to drop me a line at speels1@yahoo.com. My schedule in the coming weeks may be a little hectic, but we're here to serve.

Scott Spielman
Editor

Watching for the signs of God

I recently went to see the movie, *Signs*. I'm a sci-fi buff from way back, and I devour anything that has to do with aliens, time travel, the future, and any combination of science and fiction, though not necessarily in that order.

There isn't a lot of alien action in *Signs* — In fact, all you get to see is one alien's hand underneath a closet door. Oh, there are some lights in the sky that are most likely alien spacecraft, and there is some very brief black and white footage shot at a young boy's birthday party in Brazil, but all you get to see is a creature running across an alley.

If you haven't seen the film yet, I don't want to spoil it for you — or maybe I just did. There is one scene in *Signs* that will stay with me for a long time. Mel Gibson plays a former pastor

who has lost, or has chosen to leave, his faith because of a tragic accident that took the life of a loved one.

He is attempting to explain what faith is to someone. This is never an easy concept to convey for anyone—but Mel does a pretty fair job of it. He says (and I'm obviously paraphrasing) that there are two camps — One believes that the, "stuff in the world just happens." The other group of people believes that there is Someone or Something behind what happens—a Creator of the Creation, if you will. He then asserts that everyone is either in one camp or the other.

That simplistic explanation really cuts to the quick. I have found that people's response to the difficulties and tragedies of life depend upon which camp they are in.

In general, our belief system determines our values, our values determine our actions, and our actions determine what kind of life we're going to experience, give or take.

For example, when a loved one dies, what sense can be made of that unless we bring God into the midst of the tragedy?

I'm generalizing, but we all know people who have experienced personal tragedies. It would be hard to find someone who hasn't. If they choose to leave God out, there is a strong tendency for them to become bitter and angry people—but as soon as they bring God into the situation, they introduce hope back into their lives.

God refers to Himself several times as the "God of hope" and I have certainly found Him to be that, and so much more, in my

life. The Psalms are filled with hope references:

"For You have been my hope, O Sovereign Lord, my confidence since my youth."

Psalm 71:5

"But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love."

Psalm 33:18

"But now, Lord, what do I look for? My hope is in you."

Psalm 39:7

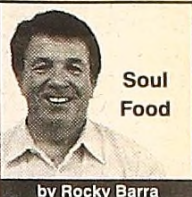
"Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God..."

Psalm 146:5

It's been said that we can live 40 days without food, three days without water, but not one minute without hope.

I encourage you to choose to embrace the view that there definitely is Someone behind all that

happens in this world. It is a choice — and that choice can totally revolutionize your life.



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Tree planting program takes root in Canton

Canton Township will be going out on a limb to help provide trees to some older neighborhoods.

Canton Board of Trustees members approved a request last week to move forward with the 2002 Neighborhood Improvement project.

According to Supervisor Tom Yack, the goal of the program is to provide trees for neighborhoods that predate the township tree-planting ordinance.

"In some of the older neighborhoods we have homes that do not have trees in front of them," said Yack.

"The goal of this program is to offer these neighborhoods the opportunity to create a treescape."

Letters were mailed to the neighborhoods to determine the level of interest in the program. Of the homes that received

leaflets about the program about 85 percent requested a tree be placed in their yard.

"This will be one of our larger fall plantings," said Aaron Machnik Municipal Services director. "Between this program and the 50/50 tree planting program we will need to purchase more than 600 trees."

The neighborhood improvement project will provide free trees to homes in subdivisions like Carriage Hills, Fellows Creek and Franklin Square.

"These are the same neighborhoods that were the focus of this sidewalk replacement program this year," said Community Planner Jeff Goulet.

Trustee Melissa McLaughlin said that she hopes the township purchases a wide assortment of trees for the two programs.

"I think we have learned from the maple and the ash problems

that it is beneficial to plant a wide variety of trees," said McLaughlin.

According to Machnik, the township offers residents a variety of trees to choose from and will even help them decide which type of tree will do best in a particular neighborhood.

Yack said he is concerned that the recent problems with the emerald ash trees may deter residents from wanting to plant trees.

"About 15 percent of the homes that received letters declined the tree planting," he said.

The township is also working diligently with residents to replace the ash trees that were destroyed, said Yack. The township offers support in the form of the 50/50 tree replacement pro-

gram for those afflicted with disease. Through this program, township residents and the township share the cost of replacing dead or damaged trees.

According to Machnik, the township already has 200 people on a waiting list for spring tree plantings.

Obituaries

SMITH, Verna J.

Verna J. Smith, 97, died Oct. 10. A resident of Canton Township, she was the widow of Stanley Smith.

Among her survivors are her children Robert, Donald (Jean), and Dottie Stein-Witt.

Mrs. Smith was the grandmother of six and the great-grandmother of 12.

Visitation and funeral services were at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Wayne with the Rev. Michael McDowell officiating.

Interment was in Parkview Memorial Gardens in Livonia.

"Pic of the Week"

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Plymouth playground celebrates rededication

Heather Connor
Staff Writer

From the looks of the new Elm Street Playground Thursday afternoon, virtually the entire neighborhood turned out for the rededication ceremony at the revitalized park.

Dozens of Plymouth residents and their children attended the event, which took place at the former Optimist Park at Elm and Evergreen streets.

The park is the latest to receive a face-lift from the City of Plymouth. City workers installed a new swing set and playscape, replaced the surface around it with all new safety material and installed an underground sprinkler system to water the new grass seed that was planted there.

The improvements also include a new drinking fountain and a brick paver pathway, and a new sign. The improvements cost about \$12,000, according to City Manager Paul Sincock.

"The city remains strong in their commitment to deliver on the promise of recreation improvements," said City Commissioner Michele Potter. She was the "mayor of the day" during the event. "We are following the recreation master plan."

The city approved a dedicated

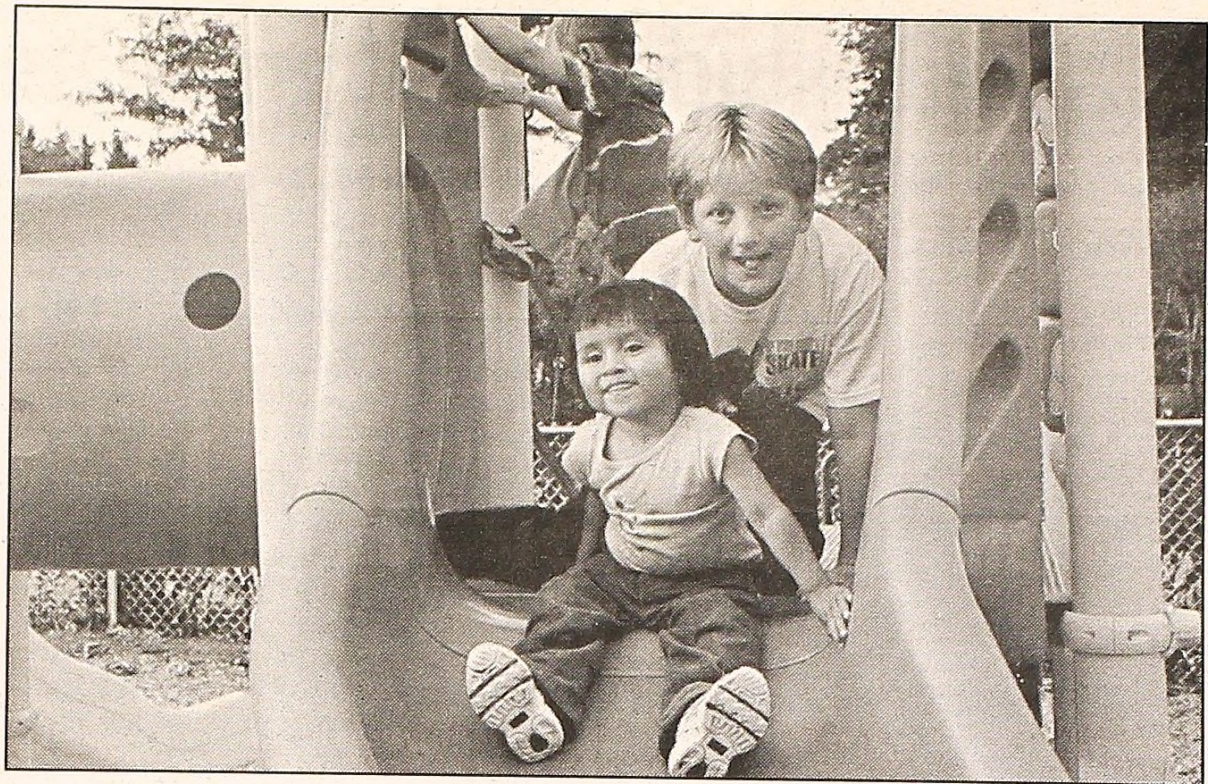
recreation master plan that will eventually provide new equipment for all city parks. Last year, improvements were made to Jaycee Park and Garden Club Park in the initial year of the park improvement plan.

The improvements will help extend the life of the parks for future generations, according to Potter.

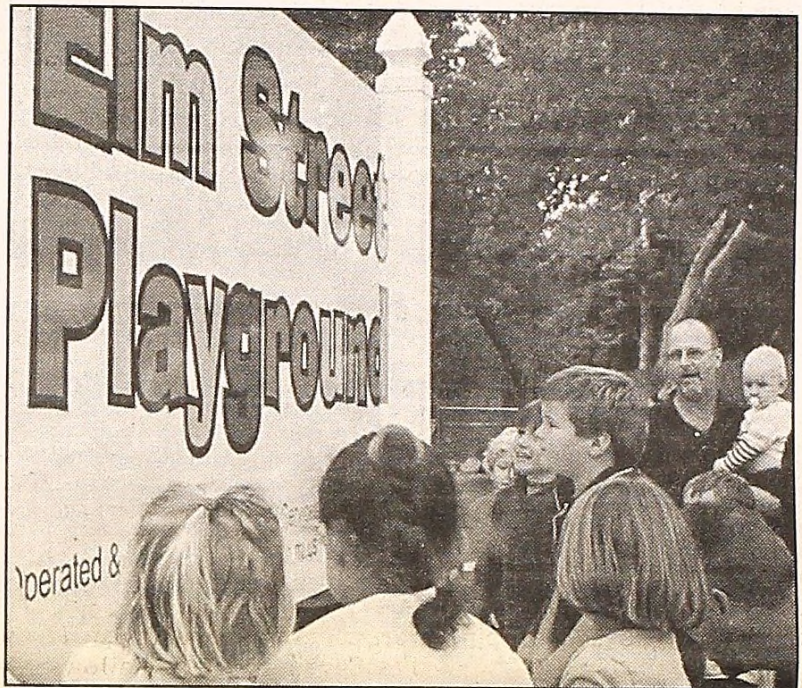
"My children played here, and now their children will play here," said John Vos, former mayor and city commissioner.

The park redevelopment plan is only one way the City of Plymouth is working to expand and improve recreational facilities, according to Potter. The city has also received grants to expand the Plymouth Cultural Center, a project that was completed this summer and to provide improvements to Don Massey Field. They've also worked together with the Northville Parks and Recreation Department to purchase a mobile skating park, which was on the site Thursday.

"We are very fortunate to have a community that is willing to participate with money and sweat equity to improve our quality of life through recreation," Potter said. "We look forward to continuing to expand our horizons and partnerships so that we



City officials unveiled the new Elm Street Playground last week, an old park with a new name and a new face. City workers have installed a new playscape, updated the ground surfaces and installed a new brick paver pathway as part of a continuing plan to redevelop and redesign every park in the city. It's the second year of the plan, and the city has already updated Jaycee Park and Garden Club Park. Those projects were completed last year. Photos by Scott Spielman



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Northville students will graduate from DARE program

Scott Spielman
Editor

Students in the seventh grade at Our Lady of Victory School in Northville will be graduating from the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program at the end of October.

Police Sgt. Dustin Krueger heads the DARE program for the City of Northville. Krueger has been leading the students during the 16-week program.

"I love kids," Krueger said. "You realize that to improve your community in the future you need to work with the youth."

Krueger said the DARE program teaches students how to say no to drugs and how to make good decisions.

Fifth and seventh grade students can participate in DARE classed at Northville schools. At the fifth-grade level, students learn the dangers of alcohol and

drugs, such as marijuana, tobacco and inhalants, as these are common drugs they may start to use at this age, Krueger said. The program ends with an evening graduation assembly in the spring, where the students receive a certificate, gifts, and t-shirts. Police Chief Jim Petres speaks to the students and asks them to remember what they have learned and reinforce it by helping out their friends.

Petres said he tells parents they also have a responsibility to reinforce what the students have learned.

Officer Matt Clemence leads the students in the fifth-grade program, and said it helps to build trust with the children.

"I have two small children myself, so I have a real good rapport with kids," Clemence said.

Students in the fifth grade are also asked to write an essay

before graduation describing what they have learned. Two or three essays are selected to be read at the assembly, and the writers receive a DARE medalion.

Clemence said the fifth grade is a volatile time for children, and what impresses him about DARE is how it helps students build self-esteem.

At the seventh-grade level, students refresh what they learned at the fifth-grade level and learn about what characteristics they need to possess in order to be a good citizen. Those characteristics are to be trustworthy, caring and fair, Krueger said.

The seventh-grade program ends with a pizza party in the classroom, with the students receiving gifts, t-shirts and a certificate.

Many police departments are dropping the DARE program, as

there have been studies done that question the effectiveness of DARE in preventing children from turning to drugs and alcohol.

Krueger said many departments who drop the program reason that it is hard to get feedback on the results. Krueger said it is hard to tell which students would've been more likely to use drugs.

Petres said the studies present evidence that DARE may not be more effective than other drug-prevention programs, but nothing proves DARE is any worse.

Petres said a flaw in the studies is that they examine only one-shot programs.

A short-term program only in the fifth grade will not keep every kid from using drugs, Petres said.

"I still think it's a valuable pro-

gram," Petres said. "DARE is one of the opportunities officers have to interact with kids in a positive way."

Clemence said DARE gives students at the fifth-grade level an awareness of what is going on and what temptations they may face. "I think it's a good message to get out there," Clemence said.

"It gives students the tools and knowledge they need," Krueger said.

Krueger said DARE America will be updating the program in the near future, which will probably be implemented in the schools in the fall of 2004.

The classes will be offered to fifth-grade students as a before-school program at both Amerman Elementary and Our Lady of Victory this January. The DARE classes are also offered to seventh graders at Hillside Middle School.

Canton Township Public Library plans for future with endowment fund program

Jerri Mach
Staff Writer

While many local libraries are facing budget cuts and shortened hours due to lack of funding, the Canton Township Public Library is making plans to avoid these situations in the future.

According to Library Director Jean Tabor, even though the library is not in jeopardy at this time, members of the Library

Board of Trustees want to do everything possible to maintain the level of programming and services the library currently offers. In an attempt to accomplish this, board members have established a library endowment fund.

"While we will never spend the principal amount in the fund, the amount of money produced in interest will allow us to maintain our quality service," said

Tabor.

The Charter Endowment Fund campaign began in January of this year with an initial goal of \$100,000.

According to Tabor, most libraries are dealing with budget cuts because of the effects of Proposal A. The Canton library, on the other hand, is primarily funded by property taxes.

"This endowment will help to protect the library for when the

development in Canton ceases," said Tabor. "We are not in any trouble at this time but have to be forward thinking about funding for our library."

A donation to the endowment fund will do more than help maintain library services, it will also provide a tax break to the resident who donates the funds, said Tabor.

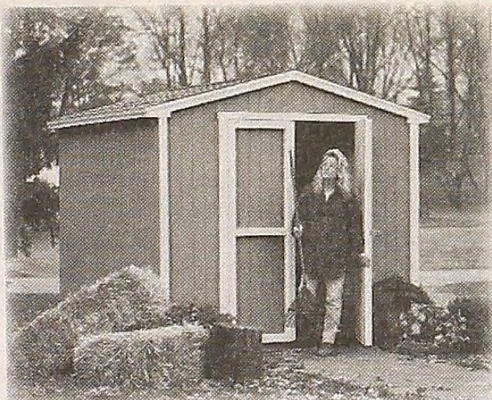
"People who would like to reduce their property tax burden

now are encouraged to make a donation to the library," said Tabor.

A pledge to donate \$250 a year for four years allows the resident to receive a direct Michigan income tax credit of \$200 each year.

Anyone who makes a four-year commitment to the library will have his or her name placed on a plaque that will be displayed in the entrance.

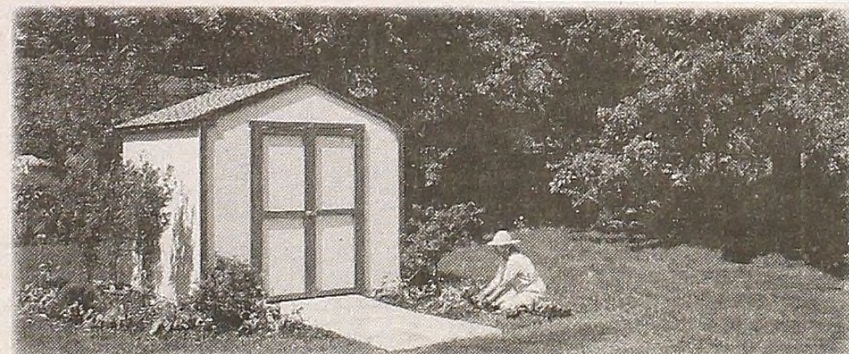
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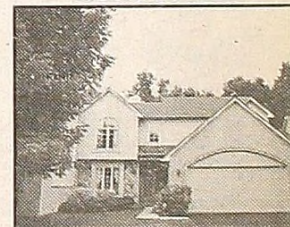


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New Wal-Mart is first of design type in community

Jerri Mach
Staff Writer

Area shoppers were greeted with smiling faces and low prices at the Wednesday grand opening of the Wal-Mart store in Canton Township.

"We are very excited about our grand opening," said store Manager Dave Gunneson.

"This is an incredible community and we are happy to be a part of it."

In order to become a part of the Canton community the Wal-Mart Company faced a variety of challenges, said Canton Community Planner Judy Bocklage.

"The store is in our corporate overlay district on Ford Road," said Bocklage. "This district has some very specific requirements when it comes to the buildings and the way they look. There was

no way that this could be just another big box building."

According to building specifications the new store was required to provide breaks and diversity in the design and to use timeless materials in the construction while still also adhering to the site amenities such as garden walls and landscaping.

"The designers were really very excited about working with the township to create this project," said Bocklage. "They spent hours working, not only with the planning department, but also working with the planning commission."

The Wal-Mart developers experienced a yearlong delay due to complications with a proposed location for a streetlight. There was another location proposed further along Ford Road, said Bocklage, but that would



The new Wal-Mart and Sam's Club are now open on Ford Road in Canton Township.

have required additional curb cuts.

"The company spent a year working with MDOT (Michigan Department of Transportation) to establish a final location for the light that would be beneficial to all of the businesses in that area," she said.

According to Bocklage, while this is not the first non-tradition-

al building that Wal-Mart has constructed, it is the first of this kind in this area.

"They really changed their overall approach to the building design in order to be an attractive addition to the community," said Bocklage.

The new store, which is the same size as the store in Belleville, offers an in-store

bank, as well as an optical department and portrait studios. According to Gunneson, the store will also bring more than 300 jobs to the community.

"We offer all the same great services that Wal-Mart is known for," said Gunneson. "We hope that everyone in the community will come in and see what we are all about."

Canton Township plans Pumpkins on the Pond as part of Octoberfest celebration

The pumpkins are on parade in Heritage Park in Canton Township.

On the eve of the annual Canton Octoberfest, the Canton Leisure Services Department will host Pumpkins on the Pond.

"This is a chance for the

younger residents of the community to display pumpkins that they have either carved or decorated," said Recreation Supervisor Bob Dates. "We will line up all the pumpkins around the pond and then light them as the sun sets."

The Pumpkins on the Pond event is open to children ages 14 years and younger. Children are asked to carve or decorate a pumpkin at home and then bring it to park at 6 p.m. on Friday, said Dates.

The event is free and will also

offer hot chocolate and musical entertainment in the amphitheatre.

Canton residents are also encouraged to enjoy the festivities of the Sixth Annual Octoberfest from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday in Heritage Park,

said Dates.

"This is a really great event for the whole family," said Dates. "We will offer a variety of activities for children of all ages."

For more information about Pumpkins on the Pond or the Octoberfest call (734)394-5460.

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OPINION

A cowardly tactic

When the plan to locate a Growth Works youth services center on 40 acres of property unraveled last week in Northville Township, it left behind some interesting questions about civic duty and community welfare.

In the end, the township may be in a better situation than it was when it first expressed an interest in purchasing the site, which still belongs to the now-vacant Our Lady of Providence center. That's because they only wanted the back half of the property, a vacant 20-acre plot of land that would have made an ideal extension for Community Park. The plan to purchase the entire site and sell or lease the front half is more fraught with peril than the possibility of another firm buying the front of the site, and selling the back half to the township. The township, meanwhile, is still in a position to take advantage of any such opportunities, but officials don't have to take an aggressive role to make sure a deal takes place. It's the proverbial catbird seat.

The road to get there, though, was long and controversial, even though most of the controversy took place behind the scenes.

It started when word of the plan leaked out to nearby residents, whose \$400,000 homes are already located more closely to Scott Correctional Facility than homeowners would like. It didn't take long for an anonymous flyer to be circulated, a single page of misinformation about the plan that came under the ominous heading of "DID YOU KNOW?"

It led anyone reading the flyer to think that Growth Works, a non-profit organization that helps youths overcome substance abuse problems, wanted to put another prison on their doorstep.

The backlash against the plan was almost enough to make Dale Yagiela, the executive director of Growth Works, pull the plan off the table before he even had a chance to give a presentation to the township planning commission.

Reaction from township hall was predictable. They were upset, bordering on outraged. Township Manager Chip Snider called the flyer a cowardly act.

Yagiela was left in an awkward position, too. The firm had already invested several thousand dollars in studies and preliminary plans for the site, and he looked for some reassurance from the township that the plan would be well-received, which is something that Supervisor Mark Abbo couldn't guarantee because, as he pointed out, it wasn't his role, or the role of any other township trustee, to second guess the planning commission.

In the end, Growth Works representatives never had their say in front of the planning commission, even though it was their choice not to proceed, and that choice was primarily financial in nature.

Our main objection to this is the feeling that Growth Works got slighted during the process. They recognized that their plan would be controversial, at best, but felt that the feelings against them were too strong to overcome. The fact is that it would have provided a valuable service, something unique to southern Michigan, that would have helped youths from throughout the Detroit Metro area. They had a right, at least, to present the plan on a blank page, rather than one covered in negative feelings promulgated by someone who didn't know – or ignored – the whole story.

It's true that we would have liked to see some more resilience from an organization that helps youths overcome difficult situations in their own lives. The blame doesn't fall on the township, either – Abbo could hardly have given approval to something the township planning department hadn't even seen yet.

It's our hope that the person who generated and distributed the anonymous flyer isn't sitting back, with a smile on his or her face, thinking he or she saved their neighborhood. They didn't. We have elected and appointed officials that look after the welfare of all our neighborhoods. They're easy to find, and never anonymous.

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Success deserves to be rewarded

After the Northville Township Board of Trustees decided to go for a renewal on their dedicated millage to acquire and develop more park land, Township Manager Chip Snider said that information would be the key to getting voters to approve it.

If that's case, and judging by the "informational" meeting the township board members hosted last Thursday, they've got a lot of work to do.

In fact, I don't know which was more lacking at the meeting: attendants or actual information.

Maybe it's a sign that everyone in the township has already made up his or her mind about the issue, rather than a general lack of interest. In that case, it could be a good sign that only a handful of people showed up, most of them representatives of recreational user groups like the baseball and soccer associations, along with a few Northville City

residents who are dedicated and vocal supporters of a dog park.

The township is in a tough place when it comes to promoting the millage, and it's not because they didn't do a good job with using the funds they collected from the last four-year millage, which expires this year. It's because they can't spend any township funds to advocate it, and they don't have a township newsletter that would ensure the information gets out to every township resident.

That and, again judging by the meeting, they don't have a clear idea of the best way to present it to voters.

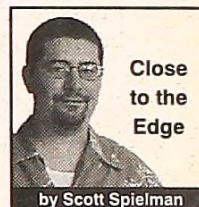
In some ways, I can agree with the desire to not get too specific about what they want to use the money for. A governmental body can't really say: "We want to buy this piece of property and turn it into a soccer field," because the price of that property would then

skyrocket.

They also don't want to commit to a specific use because then a voter who approves the millage because he or she expects to get another soccer field would be disenfranchised if the township decides to follow a different plan.

The dog park is a classic example of the changing desires of a sometimes-fickle electorate. The only reason it's in the recreation master plan at all is probably because members of the dog park committee made up the majority of the residents at a meeting designed to get public input as the plan was developed. It's a relatively new concept, while ideas like a community pool or an ice rink have existed for several years and have apparently faded from the minds of

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Close to the Edge

by Scott Spielman

Looking at the law as a profit center

Sometimes, you just have to shake your head and smile.

The other day, the Morning Friendly carried a story about a small-town Ohio speed trap. Such an entity would come as no surprise to any Michigander who has ever driven through that state. Anyone whose car sports a blue license plate and returns to the Wolverine State without a souvenir traffic ticket is most fortunate. It must have been a shock, though, to the *Los Angeles Times* reporter who wrote the story.

New Rome, Ohio, near Columbus, is small enough to heave a buckeye from one end to the other. Unfortunately for drivers, the village contains 1,000 feet of Route 40. I'll bet that, instead of a Welcome Wagon, they have a Paddy Wagon for the unfortunate drivers who creep 2 m.p.h. over the limit. And forget the "Michigan Stops." Drivers are ticketed for waiting less than three seconds after their vehicle comes to rest at a stop sign. Heck, in Michigan one incites road

rage with a two-second wait.

Other than the naiveté of the reporter, I was struck by two things in that story. The first was the unabashed way that the village government treats its speed trap. They are in it for the money. Period. New Rome has 60 residents.

They are "protected and served" by 14 police officers who pull in more than enough money to fund their department budget of more than \$300,000.

I have said for years that there are so many traffic laws on the books that no human being can drive without breaking them. Decriminalization made conviction a certainty. The money is there to be taken by any community with a police car. Without the discretion and judgment of good police officers, we would have, well, New Rome, Ohio.

During my years as a district court magistrate, I had the highest respect for the police officers who knew when to write a ticket and when to give a warning. They understood that most dri-

vers are so scared at being pulled over that they slow down for weeks and months after the stop. Is that not the real goal?

There is a great traffic stop story in a recent book, *Made In Michigan: Tales and Recipes*, by Carole Eberly. If I recall it correctly, she was pulled over somewhere in the U.P. As she talked with the state trooper, her travel companion plucked on his banjo. The trooper asked him how good he was and, after an impromptu concert, the trooper let the driver off with a warning. The trooper had his priorities straight. She slowed down. Mission accomplished.

These days, communities increasingly use ticket revenue to boost their budgets, a practice that the framers of the civil infraction law did not intend. And, like governments everywhere, once they realize how

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Hold the Phone

by Russ Franzen

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Letters

Site of new Plymouth Township Hall concerns writer
To the Editor;
 Beware of having the wool pulled over your eyes. The township has plans to build a new township hall on 9 acres, zoned R-1, by consent judgment on Haggerty Road.
 For years, former supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy told everyone that planned township hall site was 9 acres at Beck Road between Ann Arbor Trail and Powell roads. Why the change? Does this new site help subsidize potential development on the front of Don Massey's overpriced property? For years, developer after developer has passed on this site as too expensive. To make matters worse, the township has an appraisal on the proposed site at \$1,672,000, two to three times what an R-1site should be; that's close to \$185,777 per acre.
 A comparable property advertised for sale by Planning Commissioner K.C. Mueller on Powell Road remains unsold at \$74,370 per acre. Looking at the proposed site plan you find that several acres are used as buffer and retention pond areas. Spending \$185,777 per acre for a buffer seems a little ridiculous.
 Of course, I was told it is park area. I was also told the Powell Road site was too small. Well, on the Powell Road site, you don't have to have a park or buffer area because it is adjacent to the township golf course and park. You also don't have to put a disproportionate amount of the retention area on your site, either.
 The total amount of space needed in the township hall study is 52,855 square feet. This should be able to fit on 6 acres. This should fit on the Powell Road site. I was also told the township needs the Powell Road site for when Beck Road is expanded and the golf course needs more

property. I say use the excess available from the Powell Road site. Powell Road should be abandoned from Beck to the clubhouse. A new entrance off Ann Arbor Trail would be more efficient, and as several other municipalities do, erect a net along Beck Road at the golf course if and when Beck Road is ever widened.
 But that would be too efficient. We all know governments are not about efficiency, since they are not spending their own money.
 Next, the appraisal on the current township hall has the false premise of the highest and best use of the vacant land. Since there is 35,800 square feet of building now on the site, why was it appraised as vacant land? Would you appraise your house only using the land? Was this done to help expedite the sale to Walgreen's?
 Current properties on Ann Arbor Road are selling well in excess of \$100 per foot, therefore selling at \$100 per foot to compensate for any new build out to make the property reusable would be a conservative number. That would make the value of this property at least \$3,580,000, not \$2,447,000 as the appraisal value for vacant land states. The demand by professionals: accountants, medical, dental, etc. should make the existing building saleable at a higher price. The fire station could remain on this site. Walgreen's could remain on part of the site.
 So there you have it. Why wasn't the Powell Road site considered in the township hall study. Was direction given not to include it? Why is the township selling its property too low, buying property too high, while at the same time misleading people that the existing site on Powell is too small? Are handshakes and promises already in place, or is it just plain old government inefficiency?
Joseph Van Esley, Plymouth Township

Success

FROM PAGE 8
 residents.
 Still there are ways to present the millage request to voters, and it's by concentrating on the past successes of the township. One of the best examples of that is the bike path system that township officials identified as a priority and have strived to complete. The concept of a community wide bike pathway system that would connect I-275 to Maybury State Park and the township to the city is one of the best ideas that has come along in a while. The township has paved some portions of it, and had other portions donated by developers and it has been popular.
 Completing it will benefit every township resident in some way; it increases safety on the roads, provides a recreational opportunity for residents who may not

want to get involved in a soccer, baseball or softball league and it may even help ease traffic congestion. Driving around during this summer, my hands gripping the steering wheel in a white-knuckled grip of pure frustration as I waited out yet another construction traffic jam, I realized it was one of my ultimate goals in life to life in a community where I could keep the car in the garage and use a bike as my primary mode of transportation.
 Maybe I was spoiled by the years I spent in bike-friendly Eugene, OR. That city had an intricate system for bikers: dedicated lanes, well-planned routes throughout the city that even connected to the Oregon coast, 60 miles away, and smart lights that recognized bikers.
 That may not be feasible in Northville Township (particularly the route connecting to the Oregon coast), the existing path, and the overall plan is certainly something worth shooting for:

Law

FROM PAGE 6
 easy it is to get the money, they want more.
 I wrote last year about Ann Arbor Police Chief Dan Oates, who said that he would not have his officers write more tickets just to ease the city budget woes. A courageous sentiment, I thought. Today, that city's ticket revenue is up. Surprise.
 The situation in New Rome, Ohio is so outrageous that we can clearly see that what they are doing is wrong. Or is it? At least they are honest about what they do. Their police cars are in plain view. Not like the increasing number of departments that buy stealth police cars, which put the public at greater danger, by the

way, and hide so they can easily dupe motorists.
 The second thing that struck me about the New Rome story is that the villagers have had enough of living in constant fear of a police force running legally amuck. They elected a mayor who pledged to get rid of the speed trap.
 That is how reform begins. We should elect legislators who will take away the incentive to make all of us lawbreakers. We should elect local officials who require the police to protect us from real criminals.
 And we should elect district court judges who do not tolerate being black-robed tax collectors.
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A little self-control

While watching the nightly news can be a depressing event, I must admit that I laughed out loud as I watched television recently and the topic of conversation was an impending lawsuit. In this lawsuit an obese man was suing all major fast food restaurants stating that they were the reason for his poor health and large size.

I can only hope that a judge will look at this lawsuit and laugh as much as I did. I cannot believe that a lawyer would even consider this a real case but since one did I guess it could be a real topic of discussion.

I will be the first to admit that I am addicted to McDonald's French fries and just love a Burger King chicken sandwich but I can exhibit enough self-control to make sure that this type of dietary delight is not on my menu every night.

I will give this man a bit of credit. I can understand how easy it is to eat fast food on a regular basis. With so many restaurants out there, a patron is never forced to eat at the same place twice in one week. And even if you have a favorite, odds are you could actually eat there every night of the week and never eat the same meal twice.

Also adding to the attraction of the fast food frenzy is the high cost of eating healthy. I am always amazed at how much more it costs to buy a bag of apples than it does to buy a bag of cookies. Just between you and me, I think the cookies taste better and they don't spoil as quickly as the apples.

Then there are those lively commercials that we must keep in mind as well. Catchy jingles play on every radio and television station, billboards display pictures of juicy hamburgers and golden French fries just begging the hungry, on-the-go patron to stop in and satisfy their dining needs.

So, with these three factors to consider I can honestly say I understand the desire to eat fast food on a regular basis. Yet, the

difference is the desire to grab Wendy's for a fast dinner and the reality that it is not healthy to eat fast food all the time.

While I can understand this man's frustration with his health problems and his size, fast food companies are not to blame for his condition. I would be willing to bet that these companies do not show up on his doorstep at mealtime, strap him down and force their food down his throat. Nor would I believe that each restaurant sends a car to pick him up and take him to the restaurant so that he can stuff himself. I also find it impossible to believe that when he goes to the supermarket that they turn him away and refuse to let him purchase food.

What I do believe is that this is a man who refused to exhibit self-control and basic intelligence. It is not hard to figure out that eating one greasy, high fat meal after another is not good for your body. Coupling this eating style with a lack of exercise only compounds the problem. And with health and fitness news around every corner, I cannot believe that this man did not know better.

I see a man looking for his shot at the brass ring. Why not take advantage of a nation so driven by lawsuits that we can't see straight. Why not blame the big corporations for the little man's problem? So he went out and found a lawyer willing to take on his case and for what? So he can win a million dollars. To do what with, buy more fast food? I think if he wins the lawsuit the judge should add a clause that requires that the money he wins could only be spent on healthy food, medical expenses and exercise programs.

I am not the healthiest person on the planet but I can't blame that on the fast food restaurants. It is my own lack of will power and determination that allows me to enjoy those crispy golden French fries.



Stop, sit read

by Jerri Mach



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Eureka, I found it again

I finally found the cider mill!

That's what I enthusiastically shouted after my first week on the job here at *The Journal*, taking on the Northville beat. After a brief tour of the city led by my editor, I've managed to find everything I've set out to find. Everyone I have met so far has been very kind and friendly. From covering government meetings and meeting with officials, I have felt very warmly welcomed, even when people say, "Where's Scott? He usually covers these things."

I first visited Northville as a student at Schoolcraft College. I used to drive in with classmates to eat breakfast at The Dandy Gander and stroll through the downtown streets. I had a friend who sang at Genitti's. I had dinner with a mentor at Rocky's one December evening after a transfer to another school left me unhappy. It was an evening that helped me feel better, one that I would not forget. I have some history in Northville already, but I had never really submerged myself into its atmosphere.

I found the cider mill once before about four years ago. I drove in from the west one night while there was construction on Seven Mile Road.

By the time I got through the mess it was dark, and my friend and I got lost trying to find the mill. We finally found it during the daytime later that week, but when I rediscovered it Sunday I didn't recognize anything around me. I don't remember townhouses being built right across the street. If I'd blinked I would have missed it. But the wonderful donuts were the same as I remembered: warm, tasty, soft.

I also walked through the Oakwood Cemetery Sunday as part of the annual program organized by the parks and recreation department and the Northville Historical Society. Since it was Sunday, I expected the downtown to be crowded and with few parking spaces available. But the city was quiet, and, walking toward the cemetery, I felt a sense of peace. Bundled strollers were waiting patiently outside the gate for their trip back in time.

So if you're ever walking along and encounter me having lunch or looking lost I would love to talk to you. Tell me what makes this community. Tell me what issues matter to you. I'm here to report on what's important to you.



Isn't it ironic?

by Heather Connor

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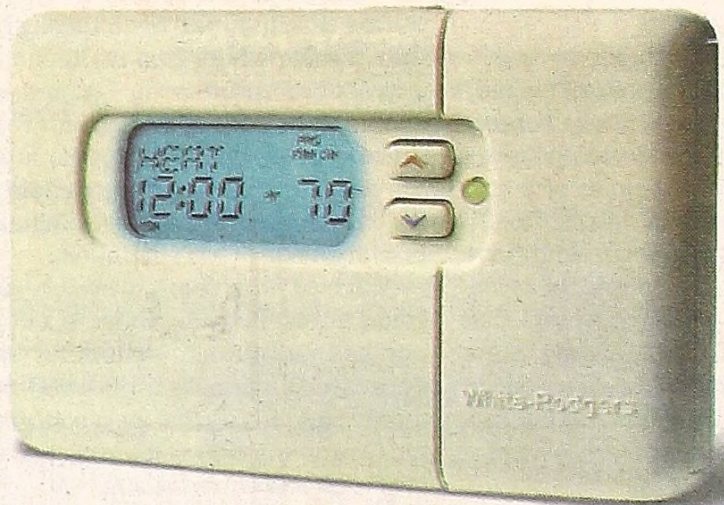
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Northville Foundation holiday home tour set

The fifth annual Holiday Home Tour, hosted by the Northville Community Foundation (NCF), will take place Nov. 14 and 15 to benefit the foundation endowment funds.

Shari Peters, Executive Director of the NCF, said the event is always a sellout, with more than 1,000 tickets sold in the past.

"It's one of our major fundraisers for the year for the endowment funds from which we annually make our grants," Peters said.

Peters said a committee looks all year for area homes to be invited to participate in the event. The five selected homes, which are privately owned, each have a professional decorator decorate the home for the holidays. Ticket holders are allowed to tour the homes and vote for their favorite decorator. The winning decorator is awarded a plaque from the NCF.

"The neat thing is we have five decorators come in and do their magic," Peters said.

This year, decorators are Karen Slack of Traditions in Northville, Peggy Robeson of Preferences, Robert Newell of Robert Newell Designs, Jimmy Angell of Perlumutter-Friewald and Carolyn Russo, interior designer for Flowers from Joe's

It's one of our major fundraisers for the year for the endowment funds from which we annually make our grants.

Shari Peters

by Carolyn.

Peters said all of the decorators are well known, and some have done work for Meadowbrook Hall and Meadowbrook Country Club.

The NCF hosts many events throughout the year, including the Fourth of July Parade and the annual prayer breakfast, which will be on May 14 of next year.

Tickets for the home tour are \$18 and are only available in advance. They can be purchased in Northville at Traditions, Preferences, Changing Seasons, Gardenviews, and The Stamp Peddler. Flowers from Joe's in Livonia will also have tickets available. Tickets by credit card are available at the Northville Community Foundation by calling (248) 374-0200.

Canton marks Fire Prevention Week

Kindergarten students were the target audience last week during Fire Prevention Week in Canton Township.

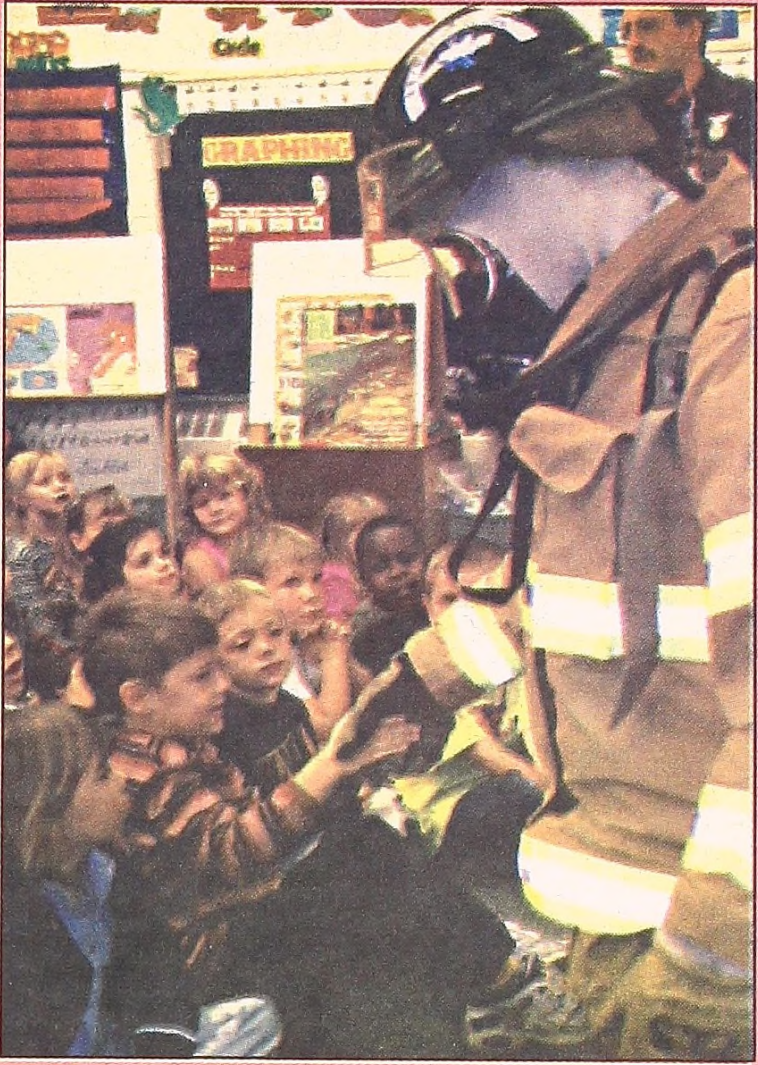
Canton firefighters visited the students in Gallimore Elementary School to talk about fire safety, demonstrate equipment and to talk about what it takes to be a firefighter.

"We also sent the kids home with a checklist that they can go through with their parents," said Fire Chief Michael Rorabacher. "We want them to help make sure that everything in their homes is safe."

According to Rorabacher, the fire department focuses educational efforts on children because he said he believes they are the best audience for the message.

"It became evident early on that the best way to get our fire prevention message across is to talk to children," he said.

The Canton Fire Department also offered free tours of the fire station last week and offering a poster board contest. The theme of the contest is "Team Up for Fire Safety." School age children are encouraged to design a poster and submit it to the fire department. A panel of fire personnel will judge the posters and the winner will be announced at the first Canton Board of Trustees meeting in November.



Canton Township Firefighter Robert Glenn shows students at Gallimore Elementary School what is involved in a firefighter's full protective gear.

According to Rorabacher, Fire Prevention Week is hosted nationally in remembrance of the Great Chicago Fire, which occurred on Oct. 9, 1871. The fire killed more than 250 people and left 100,000 people homeless. Since 1922 National Fire Prevention Week has been observed on the Sunday through the Saturday of the week of Oct. 9.

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Secret recipe Kitchen Witch cooks up 15 years of sales success

Jerri Mach
Staff Writer

It was the perfect blend of ingredients and perhaps a little bit of magic that made one Northville business a success.

When Ronnie Cambra opened the Kitchen Witch 15 years ago she said she never dreamed that it would be such a success.

"I have always loved to cook and spend time in the kitchen," said Cambra. "So one day I decided that this was what I wanted to do."

It was a bit more than 15 years ago when Cambra and her husband made the move from California to Northville. While looking for a new place to call home, Cambra said a friend recommended that she look into the Northville area.

"The area proved to be just what we were looking for," said Cambra.

When it came to establishing her shop and the type of merchandise that she would offer, Cambra said she wanted to offer local chefs top of the line unique items.

"I don't want to be just another kitchen store," she said. "I want this to be a high end store that offers people things they can't find in other stores."

Included in her stock is a variety of European goods as well as a selection of French rugs and table linens. The store is also full of variety of gourmet foods and spices.

Along with an expansive variety of merchandise the Kitchen Witch also offers cooking classes. According to Cambra, for the past seven years she has offered small demonstration classes.

"The goal of the classes is to give the participants a chance to watch and interact with our chef as they create a culinary delight,"



Ronnie Cambra is marking 15 years of success at her Northville Kitchen Witch store.

said Cambra. "Due to our small space the students are not the ones doing the cooking but they do get to deal a lot of great taste testing." Cambra attributes her success to her staff, too.

"I think the staff is one of the key factors in our success," she

said. "People are welcomed into the shop and the staff will do anything they can to help them find just what they are looking for."

When it comes to the future of the Kitchen Witch Cambra said she simply hopes that the store

will continue to have the success that it has seen for the past 15 years. "I just want us to be the nicest kitchen shop in the area," said Cambra.

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THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INKSTER, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN ORDAINS:

Section 1. Definitions. All words and phrases defined in Section I of the Ordinance shall have the same meanings in this Amendment to Ordinance (this "Amendment"), except as otherwise amended or defined in this Amendment.

Section 2. Section 17 of the Ordinance is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

Section 17. Funds and Accounts; Flow of Funds. Commencing on the Closing Date all funds belonging to the System shall be transferred as herein indicated and all Revenues of the System shall be set aside as collected and credited to a fund to be designated UTILITY SYSTEM RECEIVING FUND (the "Receiving Fund"). In addition, on the Closing Date all Revenues in any accounts of the previous Utility System shall be transferred to the Receiving Fund and credited to the funds and accounts as provided in this section. The Revenues credited to the Receiving Fund are pledged for the purpose of the following funds and shall be transferred or debited from the Receiving Fund periodically *in the manner, and at the times and in the order of priority hereinafter specified:

A. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE FUND:

Out of the Revenues credited to the Receiving Fund there shall be first set aside in, or credited to, a fund designated OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE FUND (the "Operation and Maintenance Fund"), monthly a sum sufficient to provide for the payment of the next month's expenses of administration and operation of the System and such current expenses for the maintenance thereof as may be necessary to preserve the same in good repair and working order.

A budget, showing in detail the estimated costs of administration, operation and maintenance of the System for the next ensuing operating year, shall be prepared by the City Council at least 30 days prior to the commencement of each ensuing operating year. No payments shall be made to the City from moneys credited to the Operation and Maintenance Fund except for services directly rendered to the System by the City or its personnel,

B. BOND AND INTEREST REDEMPTION FUND:

There shall be established and maintained a separate depository fund designated BOND AND INTEREST REDEMPTION FUND (the "Redemption Fund"), the moneys on deposit therein from time to time to be used solely for the purpose of paying the principal of, redemption premiums (if any) and interest on the Bonds. The moneys in the Redemption Fund shall be kept on deposit with the bank or trust company where the principal of and interest on the Bonds, or any series thereof, are payable.

Out of the Revenues remaining in the Receiving Fund, after provision for the Operation and Maintenance Fund, there shall be set aside each month commencing on the Closing Date in the Redemption Fund a sum proportionately sufficient to provide for the payment when due of the current principal of and interest on the Bonds, less any amount in the Redemption Fund representing accrued interest on the Bonds or investment income on amounts on deposit in the Redemption Fund. Commencing on the Closing Date, the amount set aside each month for interest on the Bonds shall be *in an amount equal to that fraction derived from number of months from the Closing Date to the first Interest Payment Date of the total amount of interest on the Bonds next coming due. Commencing on the first Interest Payment Date, the amount set aside each month for interest on the Bonds shall be 1/6 of the total amount of interest on the Bonds next coming due. The amount set aside each month for principal commencing on the Closing Date, shall be an amount equal to that fraction derived from number of months from the date of issue to first principal payment date of the amount of principal next coming due by maturity and the amount set aside each month for principal payment commencing on the first maturity date, shall be 1/12 of the amount of principal next coming due by maturity. If there is any deficiency in the amount previously set aside, that deficiency shall be added to the next succeeding monthly requirements. The amount to be set aside for the payment of principal and interest on any date shall not exceed the amount which, when added to the money on deposit in the Redemption Fund, *including investment income thereon, is necessary to pay

principal and interest due on the Bonds on the next succeeding principal payment date.

C. REPLACEMENT FUND:

There shall next be established and maintained a fund, separate depository account, designated REPLACEMENT FUND (the "Replacement Fund"), the money credited thereto to be used solely for the purpose of making repairs and replacements to the System. Out of the Revenues and moneys of the System remaining *in the Receiving Fund each month after provision has been made for the deposit of moneys in the Operation and Maintenance Fund and the Redemption Fund, there may be deposited in the Replacement Fund such additional funds as the City Council may deem advisable. If at any time it shall be necessary to use moneys in the Replacement Fund for the purpose for which the Replacement Fund was established, the moneys so used shall be replaced from any moneys in the Receiving Fund which are not required by this Ordinance to be used for the Operation and Maintenance Fund or the Redemption Fund.

D. IMPROVEMENT FUND:

Out of the remaining Revenues in the Receiving Fund, after meeting the requirements of the Operation and Maintenance Fund, the Redemption Fund and the Replacement Fund, there may be next set aside *in or credited to a fund to be designated IMPROVEMENT FUND (the "Improvement Fund"), which Improvement Fund may have several subaccounts therein, such sums monthly as the City may deem advisable to be used for additions, improvements, enlargements or extensions to the System, including the planning thereof

E. SURPLUS MONEYS:

Thereafter, any Revenues *in the Receiving Fund after satisfying all the foregoing requirements of this Section may, at the discretion of the City, be used for any of the following purposes:

1. Transferred to the Replacement Fund, the Improvement Fund or both.
2. Transferred to the Redemption Fund and used for the purchase of Bonds on the open market at not more than the fair market value thereof or used to redeem Bonds prior to maturity.
3. Any lawful purpose of the City.

Section 3. Section 19 of the Ordinance is amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

Section 19. Bond Proceeds. A portion of the proceeds of the Bonds in an amount as finally determined by the City Manager shall be deposited in a costs of issuance fund (the "Costs of Issuance Fund") and be used to pay costs of issuance of the Bonds. The remainder of the proceeds of the Bonds and, if deemed necessary or advisable by the City Manager, moneys on hand in the Bond Reserve Account for the Outstanding Bonds (as defined in Ordinance No. 706 adopted by the City Council on January 21, 1992, pursuant to which the Outstanding Bonds were issued), if any, shall be deposited in a refunding fund or funds (the "Refunding Fund") consisting of cash and investments in direct obligations of or obligations of the principal of and interest on which are unconditionally guaranteed by the United States of America or other obligations the principal of and interest on which are fully secured by the foregoing not redeemable at the option of the City *in amounts fully sufficient to pay the principal, interest and redemption premiums on all of the Outstanding Bonds, which are to be refunded hereunder and shall be used only for such purposes. The Refunding Fund shall be held by the MMBA Depository pursuant to this Ordinance, and the MMBA Depository is hereby irrevocably directed to take all necessary steps to pay the principal of and interest on the Outstanding Bonds when due and to call the Outstanding Bonds for redemption on the first call date, as specified by the City. The amounts held in the Refunding Fund shall be such that the cash and investments and income received thereon will be sufficient without reinvestment to pay the principal, interest and redemption premiums on the Outstanding Bonds when due at maturity or by call for redemption as required by Ordinance No. 706. Any proceeds in excess of the proceeds deposited *in the Refunding Fund or not required to pay costs of issuance shall be deposited in the Redemption Fund and used to pay interest on the Bonds on the next available interest payment date.

Section 4. Section 20 of the Ordinance is amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

Section 20. Depository and Funds on Hand. Moneys in the several funds and the accounts established pursuant to this Ordinance, except moneys in the Redemption Fund and moneys derived from the proceeds of sale of the Bonds, may be kept *in one or more bank accounts at a bank or banks designated by the Treasurer, and if kept *in one bank account the moneys shall be allocated on the books and records of the City *in the manner and at the times provided in this Ordinance.

Section 5. Section 21 of the Ordinance is amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

Section 21. Investments. Moneys in the funds and accounts established herein (except as provided in Section 11 hereof), may be invested by the City in United States of America obligations or in obligations the principal of and interest on which is fully guaranteed by the United States of America and any investments hereafter permitted by law, and moneys derived from the proceeds of sale of the Bonds may also be invested in certificates of deposit of any bank whose deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Investment of moneys in the Redemption Fund being accumulated for payment of the next maturing principal or interest payment of the Bonds shall be limited to obligations bearing maturity dates prior to the date of the next maturing principal or interest payment on the Bonds. In the event investments are made, any securities representing the same shall be kept on deposit with the bank or trust company having on deposit the fund or funds or account from which the purchase was made. Profit realized or interest income earned on investment of funds in the Receiving Fund, Operation and Maintenance Fund and Improvement Fund shall be deposited *in or credited to the Receiving Fund at the end of each fiscal

Bond issue will fund repairs at senior center

Heather Connor
Staff Writer

City of Northville officials came face-to-face last week with the reasons renovations and repairs are needed at Allen Terrace last week.

The city-owned senior residence posted a loss of \$54,459 last year, according to Nicolette Bateson, assistant city manager and finance director. She said the loss was due to many emergency repairs the apartment building needed. Allen Terrace is 25 years old, Bateson said, and many of the original operating systems are still in the building and in need of repair.

Bateson said there were many unplanned expenditures. According to Joanne Inglis, director of the Northville Housing Commission, the water heater in the building needed to be

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replaced at a cost of \$11,000. In addition, deterioration of the heating system required work on individual heating units as well as the boiler at a cost of \$6,000 to \$8,000. The boiler also required a replacement of glycol, a type of anti-freeze, requiring an additional \$5,000 expenditure.

The installation of a second elevator was another expenditure that cost a total of \$160,000 with \$70,000 coming out of the Allen Terrace fund balance reserves, Bateson said.

Inglis said a community devel-

opment block grant covered \$90,000 of the cost.

Bateson said a second elevator was planned when Allen Terrace was built, but by the time it needed to be installed the building needed to be brought up to code, which contributed to the cost.

These types of repairs are not budgeted for annually, Bateson said.

Inglis said there were sufficient funds in the balance to pay for the installation of the eleva-

tor, which was an urgent need since there is only one other elevator in the building. Inglis said the original elevator stopped working twice last week.

Bateson said one of the uses for the proposed bond issue, which will be placed before voters in November, will be to replace and upgrade these systems. Inglis said at a Downtown Development Authority (DDA) meeting on Oct. 8 that a capital needs assessment was done at Allen Terrace in 1999, and if voters approve the bond in November it will allow for an accumulation of funds to use as the building continues to age. Planned renovations include replacing the original heating and air conditioning units, windows, door walls and the parking lot. The kitchens will also be ren-

ovated.

Inglis said contractors have given estimates, and there is a plan strictly for renovations and not an expansion of Allen Terrace.

Inglis said resident input was established to determine which repairs should be a priority.

Bateson said the operating loss is just a particular loss for that year and not a deficit.

"It's an excess of expenditures over revenue that was planned," Bateson said. "We dipped into savings to pay for these capital outlay items."

Inglis said the only revenue for Allen Terrace is through rental income, which contributes to the fund balance reserves. If the bond is approved, it will allow for the needed renovations as well as build the fund balance.

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year. Profit realized on interest income earned on investment of moneys in the Redemption Fund shall be credited as received to the Redemption Fund.

Section 6. Section 29 of the Ordinance is amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

Section 29. Additional Bonds. Except as hereinafter provided, the City shall not issue additional Bonds of equal or prior standing with the Series 2002 Bonds.

The right is reserved 'in accordance with the provisions of Act 94, to issue additional Bonds payable from the Revenues of the System which shall be of equal standing and priority of lien on the Net Revenues of the System with the Bonds but only for the following purposes and under the following terms and conditions:

(a) For repairs, extensions, enlargements and improvements to the System or for the purpose of refunding part of any Bonds then outstanding or for both purposes, and for paying costs of issuing such additional Bonds. Bonds for such purposes shall not be issued pursuant to this subparagraph (a) unless the Adjusted Net Revenues of the System for the then last two (2) preceding twelve-month operating years or the Adjusted Net Revenues for the last preceding twelve-month operating year, if the same shall be lower than the average, shall be equal to at least one hundred twenty percent (120%) of the maximum amount of principal and interest thereafter maturing *in any operating year on the then outstanding Bonds and on the additional Bonds then being issued. If the additional Bonds are to be issued 'in whole or in part for refunding outstanding Bonds, the annual principal and interest requirements shall be determined by deducting from the principal and interest requirements for each operating year the annual principal and interest requirements of any Bonds to be refunded from the proceeds of the additional Bonds. For purposes of this subparagraph (a) the City may elect to use as the last preceding operating year any operating year ending not more than sixteen months prior to the date of delivery of the additional Bonds and as the next to the last preceding operating year, any operating year ending not more than twenty-eight months prior to the date of delivery of the additional Bonds. Determination by the City as to existence of conditions permitting the issuance of additional Bonds shall be conclusive. No additional Bonds of equal standing as to the Net Revenues of the System shall be issued pursuant to the authorization contained in this subparagraph if the City shall then be in default *in making its required payments to the Operation and Maintenance Fund or the Redemption Fund.

(b) For refunding outstanding Bonds and paying costs of issuing such additional Bonds. No additional Bonds shall be issued pursuant to this subsection unless the maximum amount of principal and interest maturing 'in any operating year after giving effect to the refunding shall be less than the maximum amount of principal and interest maturing in any operating year prior to giving effect to the refunding.

Section 7. Publication and Recordation. This Amendment shall be published in full in the Inkster Ledger Star, a newspaper of general circulation in the City, qualified under State law to publish legal notices, promptly after its adoption, and shall be recorded in the Ordinance Book of the City and such recording authenticated by the signatures of the Mayor and City Clerk.

Section 8. Severability Paragraph Headings, Conflict, and Effect of Ordinance. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Amendment shall be held invalid, the invalidity of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Amendment. The paragraph headings in this Amendment are furnished for convenience of reference only and shall not be considered to be part of this Amendment. Except as provided in this Amendment, the provisions of the Ordinance remain in full force and effect.

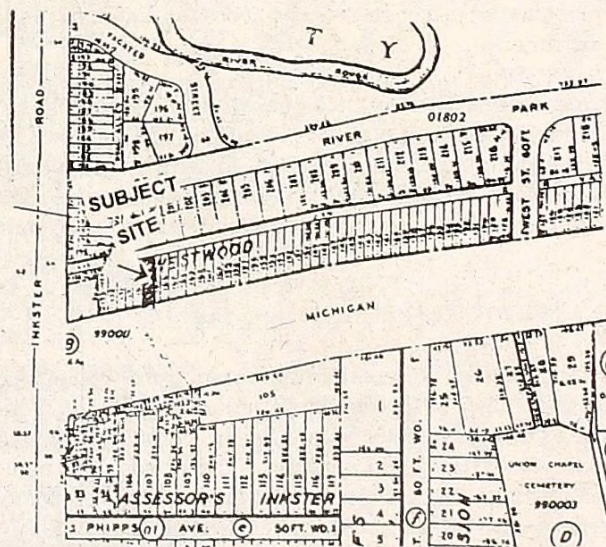
Section 9. Effective Date. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 6 of Act 94, this amendment shall be approved on the date of first reading and accordingly this Amendment shall immediately be effective upon its adoption.

Adopted and signed this 7th day of October, 2002.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF INKSTER, COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, PURSUANT TO ACT 207 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, FOR 1921 AS AMENDED, THAT A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A SPECIAL LAND USE REQUEST WILL BE HELD BY THE CITY OF INKSTER'S PLANNING COMMISSION ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2002 AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE BOOKER T. DOZIER RECREATION COMPLEX, 2025 MIDDLEBELT ROAD, INKSTER, MICHIGAN 48141. THE APPLICANT, PICTURE PERFECT BEAUTY SALON AND BOUTIQUE, HAS PROPOSED A CHANGE OF USE OF A STRUCTURE FROM A RESTAURANT/LOUNGE TO A BEAUTY SALON AND BOUTIQUE. PER SECTION 155.049(C) AND SECTION 155.049(D)(1) OF THE CITY'S ZONING CODE, ANY DEVELOPMENT, AS WELL AS ANY EXTERIOR RENOVATIONS, ADDITIONS, STRUCTURES, SIGNS, AND CHANGES OF USES PROPOSED IN THE TC (TOWN CENTER) DISTRICT REQUIRES THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S APPROVAL AND IS PERMITTED AS A SPECIAL LAND USE. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED NEAR THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF INKSTER ROAD AND MICHIGAN AVENUE AND IS LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS THE FOLLOWING:

LOT 168, WESTWOOD HILL SUBDIVISION (COMMONLY KNOWN AS 27340 MICHIGAN AVENUE, PROPERTY ID#s 44-018-03-0168-000).



PUBLIC COMMENTS ARE INVITED. PERSONS UNABLE TO ATTEND THE PUBLIC HEARING MAY SEND THEIR COMMENTS IN WRITING TO THE ATTENTION OF THE CITY OF INKSTER PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, 2121 INKSTER ROAD, INKSTER, MICHIGAN, 48141. COMMENTS WILL BE RECEIVED THROUGH 12:00 NOON, OCTOBER 28, 2002. PLEASE REFERENCE CASE NO. PC02-07 IN ALL CORRESPONDENCE.

THE CITY OF INKSTER WILL PROVIDE NECESSARY REASONABLE AUXILIARY AIDS AND SERVICES, SUCH AS SIGNERS FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED AND AUDIO TAPES OF PRINTED MATERIALS BEING CONSIDERED AT THE PUBLIC HEARING, TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES UPON FIVE (5) BUSINESS DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE. INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES REQUIRING AUXILIARY AIDS OR SERVICES SHOULD CONTACT THE CITY OF INKSTER AT (313) 563-3211.

TERREL LECESNE
CHAIRMAN
PLANNING COMMISSION

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SPORTS

Chiefs' defense gets another win as Canton rolls

Scott Spielman
Editor

The Canton Chiefs defense came up strong again Friday night when they traveled to Livonia Churchill to take on the Chargers' football squad.

They notched their third shutout of the season in a 40-0 blanking of the host Churchill.

The game was scoreless in the first quarter, but the Chiefs racked up 21 points in the second and never looked back.

The first came off a 69-yard touchdown pass from Dave Nicolaff to Devin Thomas. Reggie Joyner added the next two touchdowns on runs of eight yards and two yards,

"We were well-prepared, especially defensively."

according to Canton Coach Tim Baechler.

Devin Thomas broke free in the third quarter for a 48-yard touchdown run, but the Chiefs missed the extra point.

Joyner added his third on the night with a 51-yard touchdown run, but the two-point conversion failed. Julian Smith put in the last Canton touchdown with a two-yard run.

The defense came up big on several occasions for the Chiefs. In the third quarter the Chiefs fumbled the ball twice deep in their own territory, but the defense kept the Chargers from scoring. The Chargers put together an 11-play drive, but came away empty. Dan Farkas had nine tackles on the night, and Matt Bennett had eight.

"We were well-prepared, especially defensively," Baechler said.

The win brings the Chiefs to 6-1 overall. They host Northville tomorrow night.

"They're hard to figure out," Baechler said. "They're pretty talented, and they've got some good players. They do so many things offensively, that they're hard to figure out."

Canton tops 2 in good week

Scott Spielman
Editor

It was another strong week for the Canton Girls basketball team.

They Chiefs took two relatively easy victories this week, topping Wayne Memorial, 62-39, and Livonia Franklin, 60-30.

Tuesday, the Chiefs hosted Wayne, the newcomer to the district. They had control of the game throughout most of it, according to Canton Coach Bob Blohm.

The Chiefs outscored the Zebras 14-8 in the first quarter, 16-12 in the second, 17-13 in the third and 15-6 in the fourth quarter.

"The game was a lot closer than the final score indicated," said Wayne Coach Dan Kaminski. "They were just too big for us."

Kristen Lake led the Chiefs with 16 points on the night. Jessica Johnson put up 12 points in the win.

For the Zebras it was Renita Price with 17 points and Ashley Britton with 10.

The Chiefs followed it up with a 60-30 point win over Livonia Franklin. Katie Cezat led the team with 23 points and Johnson and Lake each had 10.

Wayne 25, Walled Lake Central 57

"That was our let-down game of the year," Kaminski said. "We just didn't show up."

The Zebras only put up two points in the first quarter, and never recovered. They were outscored 14-2 in the first, earned a point back in the second, but were outscored 14-5 in the third and 18-6 in the fourth.

"We just couldn't find the basket in the first quarter," Kaminski said.

Renita Price led the Zebras with 12 points in the loss.

The Zebras are 1-11 on the year.

"We knew it would be a tough year, because it's our first year in a new league," Kaminski said. "We're still feeling our way out."



Mobile skate parks, like the one used last week in Canton Township, are becoming popular ways to keep skateboarders off downtown streets. Plymouth and Northville share one, too.

Skateboarders move from street to parks

Jerri Mach
Staff Writer

Freedom Park in Canton Township was full of 'next gen' athletes last week as more than 400 local skateboarders gathered to compete in the Second Annual Autumn SK8 contest.

The contest was sponsored by Canton Leisure Services and Simplicity Board Sports skate shop.

According to Brad Rigoni, owner of Simplicity Board Sports in Canton, the event, which experienced an incredible turnout last year, has only grown in popularity.

"Skateboarding is a very popular sport and has been for many years," said Rigoni. "I think it continues to grow in popularity simply because it is a sport that anyone can do."

Skateboarding centers around a person's own natural learning curve, said Rigoni. The speed at which a new skater learns tricks and new styles all depends on his or her personal interest in the sport.

"I think kids love skateboarding because there are no rules in how to do it right," said Rigoni. "Now, with all the professional skaters out there people have really grown to appreciate the sport more."

According to Rigoni, when he began skating in 1986 the



Other communities, like the City of Westland, are building their own in-line skating parks. Photo by R. Alwood, Jr.

sport was not as widely accepted as it is now.

"When I was growing up the kids that were seen skateboarding were labeled as trouble," he said. "Now, the sport is becoming accepted by parents."

Rigoni said he knows parents who spend their weekends driving their young skaters to a variety of skate parks all across the state. These parks provide skaters

with a safe and enclosed area to skate. The goal of a skate park is to provide young skaters a place to skate so that they are not congregating in parking lots and overcrowded parks.

"No matter how many skate parks you have, there will still be some kids skating in the streets," said Rigoni. "But having a skate park in a community helps to keep the skaters safe and out of trouble."

John Glenn stays perfect

Scott Spielman
Editor

At first, it didn't look good for the undefeated John Glenn football team.

They traveled to Walled Lake Central Friday to take on the Vikings for their homecoming game, and found themselves in an unfamiliar position - down 0-7 in the first quarter.

"As a coach, you're concerned because that's not where you want to be," said John Glenn Coach Chuck Gordon.

They didn't stay there for long, though, as Glenn wracked up 50 unanswered points to route the Vikings, 50-13.

Junior De'Anthony Granberry scored three touchdowns and rushed for 148 yards. Senior Anthony Davis added 157 yards and scored two touchdowns in the lopsided win. Senior quarterback Brian Ceckiewicz was a perfect 4-for-4 for 89 yards passing and two TDs.

The John Glenn offense put up 489 yards of total offense, including 400 rushing yards.

The win makes the Rockets 7-0 overall, and 6-0 in the league.

"It's a big win for us," Gordon said. The Rockets close out the regular season at home.

They play Stevenson tomorrow and Wayne Memorial next week.

Belleville tops Trenton, 5-1

The Belleville Vikings followed a strong offensive outing from David Chudzinski last Monday to a 5-1 victory over Trenton.

Chudzinski has battled teammate Brandon Young all year for the scoring lead. He earned the edge that night with four goals, according to Coach Ron Held. Ryan Payne had the other goal for Belleville.

"That was a pretty good win for us," Held said.

They followed that up with a 1-1 tie Wednesday against Dearborn Crestwood, he added. Young put in the only Belleville tally against that one.

Rocks run over Wayne

Scott Spielman
Editor

The Salem Rocks proved to be too much for the Wayne Memorial Zebras Friday when the two struggling programs met on the football field.

The Rocks, who hosted the contest, topped Wayne 29-7, with a well-rounded offensive and defensive effort.

"We weren't disciplined enough to stop the quarterback," said Wayne coach Floyd Carter. "We kind of broke down in terms of defense."

The Rocks got on the board first with about six minutes left to go in the second quarter.

They marched 75 yards in 11 plays in a drive that was capped by a five-yard touchdown run from Jason Lewis.

On their next possession, Wayne fumbled the ball on the 50-yard line, and the Rocks found themselves in another position to strike. This time they went 45 yards on six plays, capped by a five-yard run from Mike Kerul.

In the third quarter, the Zebras got their only touchdown of the night and it came when Tyrell Ford found a big hole and broke through for a 60-yard touchdown run. The point after brought Wayne within seven at 14-7.

Salem quarterback Chris Drabicki

added another touchdown on a two-yard run, but Wayne blocked the extra point.

In the fourth quarter, the Zebras were deep in their own territory when they were forced to punt. The punter's heel touched the goal line, though, and they were called for the safety. The Rocks capitalized on the ensuing drive, and held on for the 29-7 win.

"We just didn't execute well on either side of the ball," Carter said.

Ford led the Zebras with 102 yards on seven carries. They had 240 yards of total offense on 41 offensive plays, while Salem racked up 347 on 53 plays.

Tyrell Walker had a good night on defense for Wayne; he had 12 initial hits and seven hits on the line.

"He played an outstanding game," Carter said.

The Zebras were also hurt by six penalties and three turnovers - they fumbled the ball four times and lost two of them.

"We did not hold onto the ball very well, and that's been part of our problem," Carter said.

The Zebras are 1-5 on the year. They face Walled Lake Central tomorrow and undefeated John Glenn next week. The Rocks are 2-5 overall and travel to Walled Lake Western tomorrow. Next week, they face off against their cross-campus rivals, the Canton Chiefs.

Northville football hangs tough against Walled Lake Western

Scott Spielman
Editor

It wasn't a win, Friday, but it wasn't a blowout either, when the Northville Mustangs hosted perennial football powerhouse Walled Lake Western.

When the two teams met last year it was a lopsided win for the Warriors, who racked up 44 first-half points on their way to a 44-0 victory. This year, the Mustangs put two touchdowns on the board and held the defense to 27 points in a 27-14 loss.

"We played them a lot better this year," said Northville Coach Clint Alexander.

In fact the Mustangs held the potent Warriors in check during the first quarter and only allowed two touchdowns in the second quarter. Sure, they were down 14-0 at halftime, but they didn't think they were out of it, he said.

The Warriors added a third touchdown in the third quarter, but the Mustangs blocked the extra point attempt and then their offense came alive.

Northville scored their first touchdown on an 18-yard pas from Darrel Delaney to Greg Johnson and their second on a 68-yarder from Delaney to Tim Higgins. It was his seventh touchdown reception of the season, and it tied a school record.

"He made most of that yardage on his own," Alexander said. "He had one nice block, but then he just outran everyone."

Eventually, as has been the case through most of the season, the bigger team's offensive line tired out the Mustangs defense and put the game away. Defensive lineman Ben Socaur was the defensive standout on the night.

"(Western) does a lot offensively and we hung in with them for a while, but then they just wore us out," Alexander said.

They missed a couple of opportunities, too, with dropped passes and a botched fake punt attempt, when the center snapped the ball too soon.

The loss brings the Mustangs to 2-5 on

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**Northville Coach
Clint Alexander**

the year, but Alexander said he's seen plenty of encouraging signs during the season.

"We've played everybody tough," he said. "The games have been a lot closer. We've been right in there. Our guys are doing everything we've asked for."

He was particularly pleased with Delaney's performance. It was his first full game at quarterback for the Mustangs, and Alexander said he rose to the challenge. He was 10 for 19 with 200 yards in the game, with the two touchdown passes.

"He took some hard hits, but he got up and kept going," Alexander said. "He did a nice job. He moved around well in the pocket and made some things happen."

Zack Wollack was kept pretty much in check on the night. He ran for 46 yards on 16 carries.

Things don't get much easier for the Mustangs. This week they travel to Canton to take on the 6-1 Chiefs.

"They've got a big offensive line and they're very well coached," Alexander said. "They'll be a handful."

Next week, the Mustangs close out the season with a home game against the Novi Wild.



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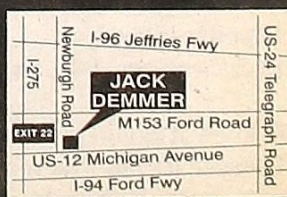
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Belleville tops Trenton

Scott Spielman
Editor

The Belleville Tigers girls basketball team went out to an early lead and held on for a big win last week at the home court of the Trenton Trojans.

Belleville coach Kevin Edwards said the defense gradually took charge of the game.

The best quarter for both teams was the first, when Belleville scored 18 points and Trenton 13. In the second Belleville put up 13 points while allowing only seven, to take a 31-21 point lead into half time.

"It was a team effort as far as defense was concerned," said Edwards. We just kept getting better each quarter."

The defense allowed only six points in the third and five in the fourth, while the Tigers piled on 27 more points to seal the win.

Amantha Combs led the Tigers on the night; she put up 19 points and brought back 9 rebounds. Lisa DeBuck scored 16 points in the win. Aylassa Montalvo had a big rebounding night, and helped out with eight assists, according to Edwards.

"She had a good game, overall, for us," he said.

The Tigers are 9-3 overall and 2-1 in the red division of the Mega Conference. They played Wyandotte on Tuesday and face off against Monroe tonight.

"They're a pretty good team," Edwards said. "It's going to be a battle."

Northville netsters get 2nd win

Everything was clicking last Tuesday for the Northville Mustangs girls' basketball team.

They traveled to Livonia Stevenson and pulled out a rare win, on the strength of a strong offensive and defensive effort.

The game was close in the first quarter, when Northville eked out a one-point lead, 13-12. They pulled away in the second, scoring 13 and allowing five points to take a six-point lead into halftime.

"We played much better defensively," Wright said. "Our problem has been on the defen-

sive end. We've been giving up too many easy ones."

The Mustangs outscored the Spartans in the final frame, 11-10, and held on for the win.

Laura Lemasters led the team in the victory. She scored 16 points, grabbed three rebounds and had four steals in the win.

"She had a great game," Wright said. "She really keyed us up with her intensity."

Simone Toney scored 10 for the Mustangs and Nicole Cauzillo added eight. Evonna Karchon scored nine points and had five rebounds.



The Salem Rocks took an early lead and held off the Canton Chiefs last Wednesday. They now head into district play, when the Rocks host Saline at 5 p.m. Monday and the Chiefs host Pioneer.

Salem takes early lead over Canton

Scott Spielman
Editor

The Salem Rocks went out to a huge early lead last Wednesday when they hosted their cross-creek rivals, the Canton Chiefs in a soccer showdown.

The Rocks scored four goals in the first half hour of play to take an easy 4-1 win from the Chiefs.

Canton Coach Don Smith said that giving up that many goals early was a sure sign that the team was heading for a bad day.

"There was not a good day in Mudville," he quoted.

Brian Popeney put the Rocks on the board at about the 10-minute mark, with an assist from Brandon Ross.

Midfielder Matt Wielechowski added a second goal and then Kevin Savitskie put in his first of two on the night.

Pat Zemanske scored a late goal for the Chiefs. The win put the Rocks back in the top 10 in the state, according to Salem Coach Ed McCarthy. They're rated ninth, he said.

"It's good to get back in there," he said.

The Rocks and the Northville Mustangs faced off last night for the conference

championships, but the outcome of that game wasn't known at press time.

District play starts on Monday. The Rocks will face off against Saline at 5 p.m. and the Chiefs will host Ann Arbor Pioneer at 7 p.m. Both games are at PCEP.

McCarthy said the Rocks were ready for a rematch against the Mustangs; the two top teams played last Wednesday, a 3-2 victory for Salem. "One of our goals going into the season was to win the conference," McCarthy said. "Hopefully, it'll also give us some momentum going into the Districts."

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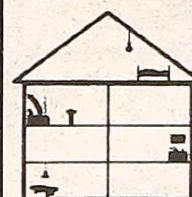


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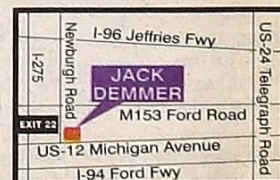
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